

EMERGENCY ORDER
STAY HOME, PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

An order from the Edmonds mayor mandating that Edmonds city residents, business owners, and others who work and recreate in the City of Edmonds stay home and limit their interactions with others in order to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

WHEREAS,

- A. In my capacity as Mayor, I proclaimed an emergency exists in the City of Edmonds on March 5, 2020.
- B. The facts stated in that proclamation continue to exist.
- C. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared that COVID-19 disease is a global pandemic, which is particularly severe in high risk populations such as people with underlying medical conditions and the elderly, and the WHO has raised the health emergency to the highest level requiring dramatic interventions to disrupt the spread of this disease.
- D. On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Washington state issued an emergency order announcing all K-12 schools in Washington to be closed from March 17, 2020 through April 24, 2020 to combat the spread of the disease.
- E. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to allow the government to marshal additional resources to combat the virus.
- F. The virus that causes COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group settings. Preventing the further spread of this disease hinges on every person in Edmonds reducing their interactions with others, especially those beyond their immediate household. The Snohomish Health District states that “The closer the contact between people – and the more people in a group – the greater the risk of passing along viruses.”
- G. It is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety.
- H. Art. XI, Sec. 11 of the Washington State Constitution grants cities like the City of Edmonds broad police powers to “make and enforce within its limits all such local police, sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with general laws.”

1. The civil emergency necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted to the Mayor pursuant to chapter 6.60 ECC.

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, THAT:

I, MIKE NELSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, ACTING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CHAPTER 6.60 ECC, AND MY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY, DATED MARCH 5, 2020, HEREBY ORDER:

1. Stay Home.

Residents, business owners, and others who either work or recreate in the City of Edmonds shall, **effective 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 22, 2020** and until further notice:

- A. Stay home, except for certain essential activities and work necessary to provide essential business activity and government services, or perform essential public infrastructure construction. Homeless individuals are not subject to this order.
- B. Essential activities include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Errands to maintain health and safety, such as obtaining medicine or seeing a doctor.
 - Acquiring necessary services or supplies for you, your family or household members, such as getting food and supplies, pet food and supplies necessary for staying home. This can include curbside pick-up, delivery, take out or drive-thru food and beverage services. Please only purchase items you immediately need and do not stockpile.
 - Engaging in outdoor activity, such as walking, hiking, or running, provided you keep at least 6 feet of distance between others.
 - Caring for a family member in another household.
 - Caring for elderly, minors, dependents, people with disabilities or other vulnerable persons.

Essential business and government services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Health care operations, including all training and educational programs and home health workers.
- Essential infrastructure, including construction of housing (residential and mixed-use), industrial and commercial projects currently underway; and operation of public transportation and utilities.
- Businesses that supply products or services necessary to both

maintain the functionality and/or safety of equipment, facilities, utilities, healthcare, national defense, all modes of transportation and critical supply chains used in other essential businesses.

- Grocery stores, farmers markets, food banks, convenience stores.
- Food and beverage providers offering curbside pick up, delivery, take out or drive-thru services.
- Businesses that provide necessities of life for economically disadvantaged individuals and shelter facilities.
- Pharmacies, health care supply stores and health care facilities.
- Gas stations and auto repair facilities.
- Banks.
- Garbage collection.
- Hardware stores, plumbers, electricians and other service providers necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences and other essential businesses.
- Educational institutions, for the purposes of facilitating distance learning.
- Laundromats, dry cleaners and laundry service providers.
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food and goods directly to residences.
- Childcare facilities providing services that enable essential employees to go to work.
- Roles required for any essential business to "maintain basic operations," which include security, payroll and similar activities.

See the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's comprehensive [list of Critical Infrastructure Sectors](#).

- C. Follow the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention when conducting essential activities and services allowed under B, above.

These recommendations include the following: (i) maintain at least 6 feet from other individuals, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or use hand sanitizer, cover coughs or sneezes, and do not shake hands; and (ii) perform routine environmental cleaning.

- D. Employers in Edmonds that do not provide essential businesses or government services should take all steps necessary for employees to work remotely from home to the extent possible.

2. Prior Proclamations Remain In Effect. All mayoral proclamations and orders presently in effect shall remain in full force and effect except that, insofar as any provision of any such prior proclamation is inconsistent with any provision of this proclamation, then the provision of this proclamation shall control.

3. Notice of Proclamation. To the extent practicable, a copy of this Emergency Order shall be made available to all news media within the City and to the general public.
4. Ratification by Council. This Emergency Order shall immediately, or at the earliest practicable time, be presented to the City Council for ratification and confirmation. Ratification and confirmation shall be by majority of the council then present and voting. If this Emergency Order is not so ratified and confirmed, the order shall, after the vote, be void. This Emergency Order shall be considered in full force and effect until the City Council shall act.

DATED this 22nd day of March, 2020.

Mayor Mike Nelson